Secondly, many People who were not ſenſible of the Earthquake, found themſelves ſeized in the ſame Manner: Thirdly, Mr.——who uſed to be troubled with convulſive Fits, and had got quite cured of them here, was immediately ſeized with them again, after the Earthquake; and, Fourthly, every body, more or leſs, complained of Head-achs for ſome Days after.

X. *A Letter from Mr.* Timothy Sheldrake *to Sir* Hans Sloane, *Bart. Pr.* R. S. *&c. concerning a* Monſtrous Child *born of a Woman under Sentence of Tranſportation.*

SIR, *Norwich, Jan.* 8. 1734-5.

I Herewith ſend you both a Draught and Deſcription of a monſtrous Birth, which I believe the ROYAL SOCIETY have had as yet no Account of; which gives me Hopes, that what I here ſend will prove the more acceptable to you.

Elizabeth Spencer, being tried at our Aſſizes for the City and County of *Norwich*, for Shop-lifting, and being found guilty of the Crime, received Sentence for Tranſportation; for reſpiting of which Sentence ſhe pleaded her Belly, which Plea, as ſhe was a married Woman, appearing what was very probable, ſhe was favour'd by the Mayor and the other Magiſtrates, by being allowed the full Time that ſhe ſaid ſhe had to go; at the Expiration of which ſhe was delivered of a Child, which I ſaw a few Hours after

it was born, and was exactly, in every Part, according to the following Account, and as I have here delineated it [*See* TAB. II. Fig. 2.]. The Head had a Riſing on the Top of it, and the Noſe was as if one Noſe was on the Top of another, but only two Noſtrils, and thoſe at the Bottom of the lower Noſe. The Arms were without the Elbow-Joint; the two Bones, which make the lower Joint of the Arm, in common, were in this extended to the Shoulder. Juſt under the Ribs, and above the Hips, was a deep Place, as if a Cord had been tied very ſtreight, ſo as to ſink down below the Reach of the Eye: This girding-in of the Body, I believe might go almoſt round: I did not turn it, to ſee whether it did or not, but it was continued as far about the Body as I could ſee, without turning it. By this girding-in of the Body, the lower Part of it was almoſt round, it being without either Legs or Thighs; but had two Feet joined unto the lower Part of the Body, the Heels inward, the Toes (of which it had not the full Number) pointing towards the Sides, as is deſcribed in the Drawing here incloſed. As to Sex, this Creature was a Female, and born alive. It was the Opinion of the Women about her, that the Midwife had injured the Head in the Birth, by which the Riſing in the Head was produced; and this ſurpriſing Creature that was born alive, was thereby ſoon deprived thereof. This Woman, who had been the Mother of ſeveral Children, before this ſtrange Production, and all in perfect Form, was by ſome free-ſpeaking Perſons charged with having been guilty of ſome Practices both unnatural and unlawful, which ſhe very poſitively always denied; and ſaid that ſhe knew nothing that could

could give any Change to the natural Form of this Creature, but the ſtrange Apprehenſions that her Sentence had put her under, from the uncommon Creatures the Country to which ſhe was ſentenced might bring in her Sight. Theſe odd Ideas that ſhe had formed to herſelf, was all and the only thing, that had occaſioned ſo great a Change from the natural Form the Child might otherwiſe have had, as ſhe often aſſerted. I am,

SIR,

Your very humble Servant,

Tim. Sheldrake.

XI. *A Paper concerning the* Mola SALU. *or* Sun-fiſh, *and a* Glue *made of it; communicated by the Rev. Mr.* William Barlow *to the* Preſident *of the* Royal Society.

Stoke-Dock near *Plymouth, Devon, June* 29. 1734.

THERE was brought to this Place, ſtruck the Day before in our River, a *Sun-fiſh* weighing about 500 Pound Weight. The Form of it nearly anſwers that given by Mr. *Willoughby*, except that the Tail of this was ſcollop'd.

This Fiſh differed very much in one thing from that deſcribed by Mr. *Willoughby*, whoſe Fleſh, he ſays, was very ſoft: On the contrary, the Fleſh of this was hard and firm, rather a griſtly Subſtance than ſoft Fleſh.

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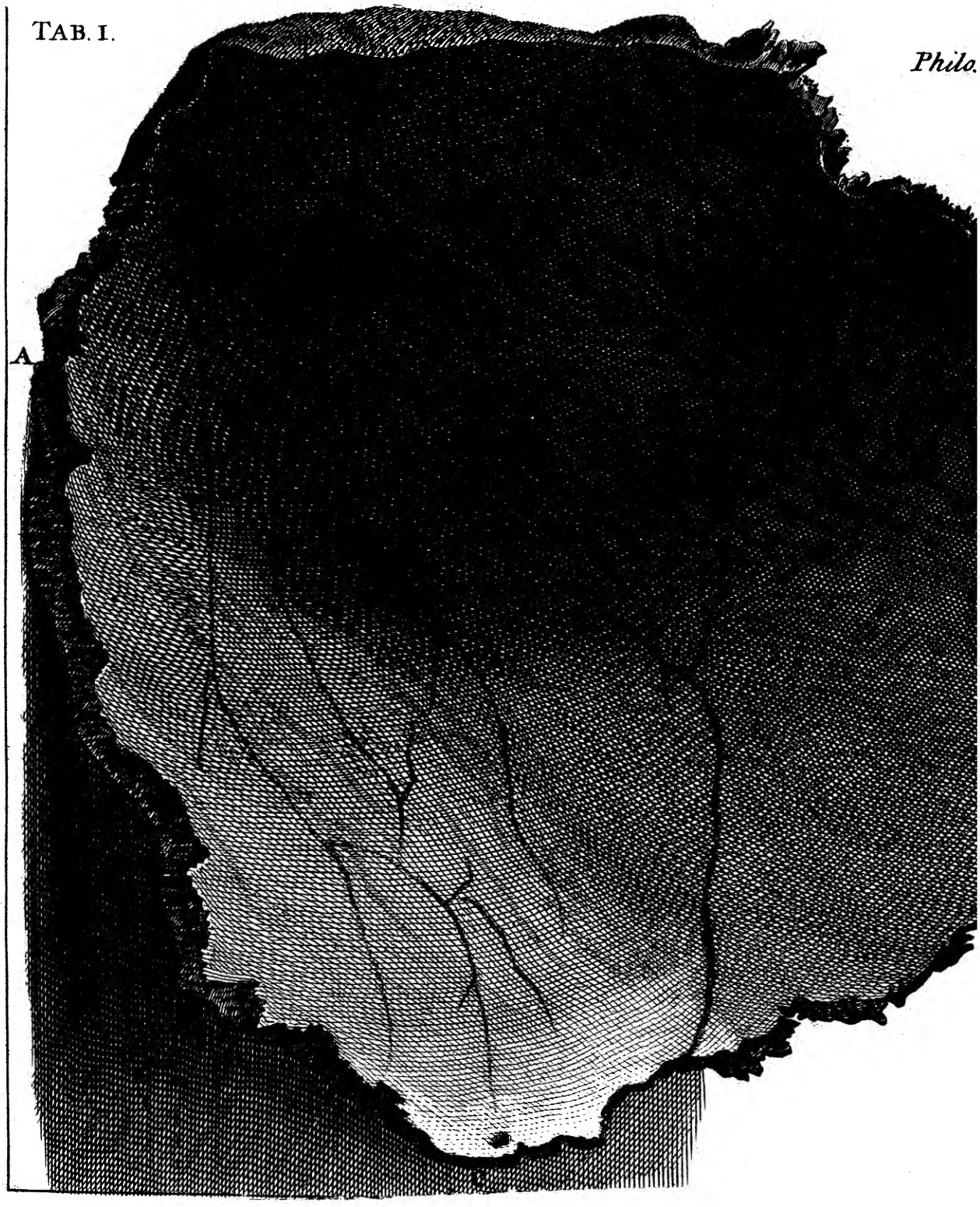

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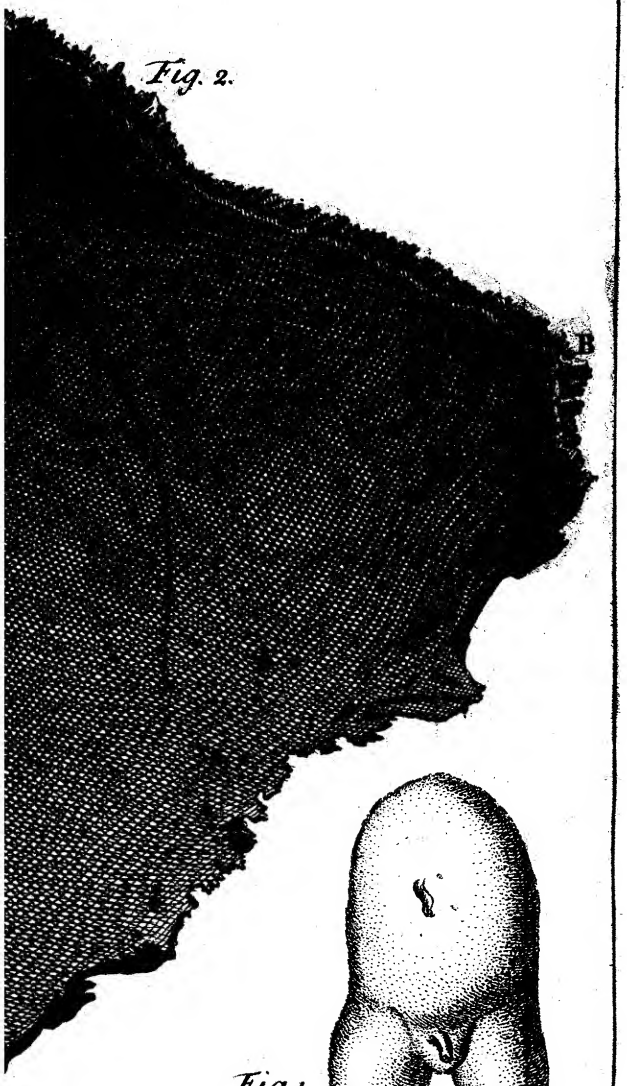

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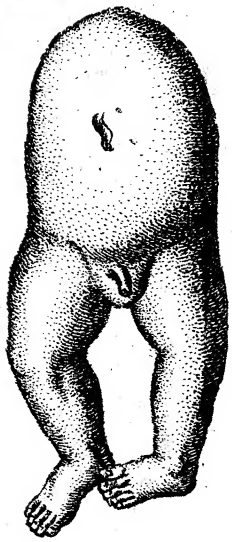

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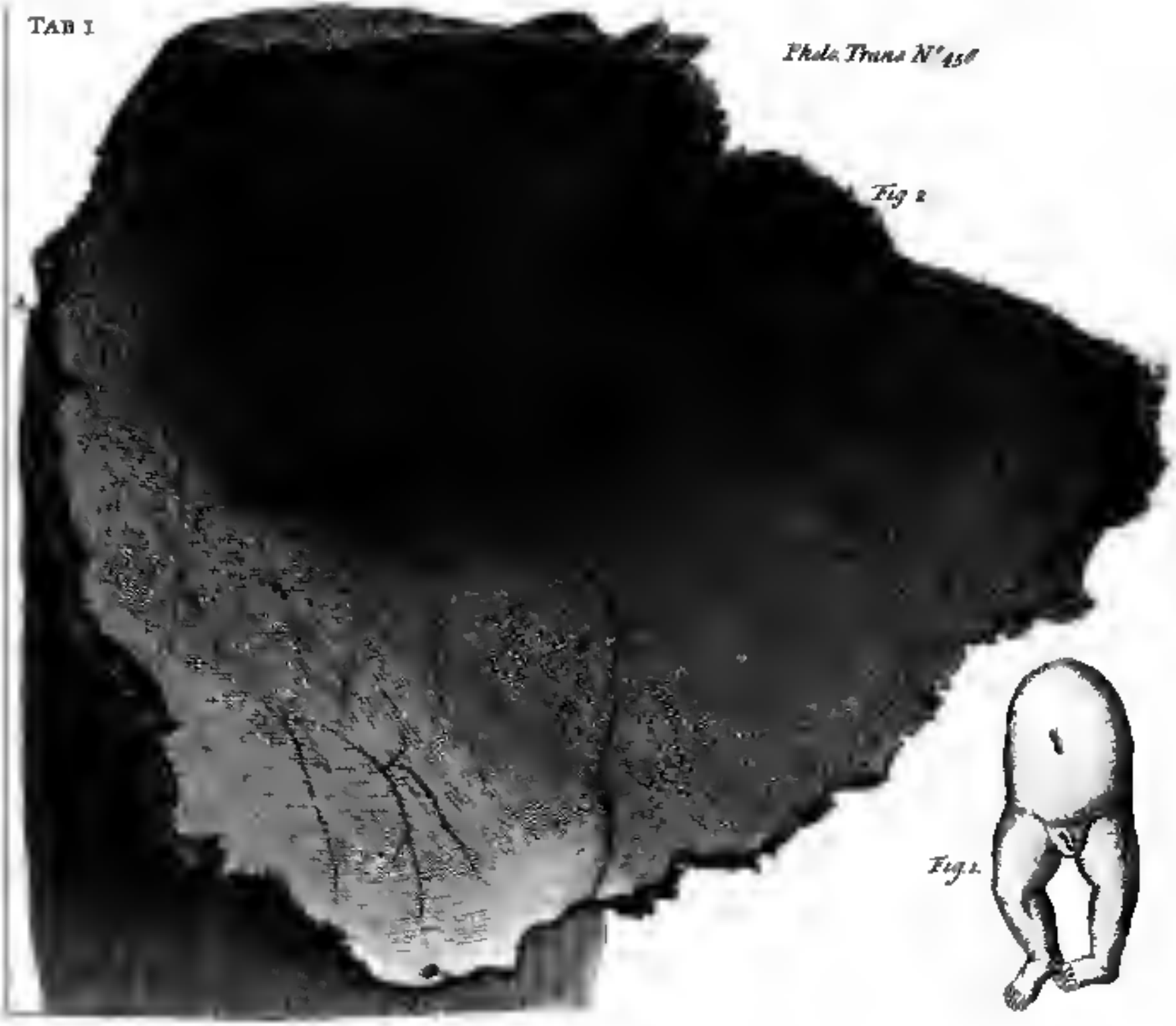

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